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This was written by a Harvard man whose name is still connected with the annual output of poetry. It suffers as do all the others from the fact that mere extracts are here used to symbolize the whole.

It is indisputable that the conspicuous defect of the volume is lack of workmanship. There is a painful use of adjectives. Ugly and bungling words are made to serve when patient search might have brought real illumination. Crashes of crudity mar the harmony. A charming fancy begins in inspiration, disintegrates in the middle, falls into chaos before the end. It is a comforting assumption that in the good old days, everything was thorough and carelessness was unknown. Every college could send out every man able to write the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States. Now—the heirs of Diogenes wander through the infertile college fields and wander on the hilltops desolate.

The difference is in the compelling motive. These poems did not have to be written. They lack the pressure of necessity, the burden of responsibility. They cannot be measured by the measures which have evolved from old situations. They are recreation. They are the idle hour, the pleasure of choice, the golden fringe left when work was done. They are to be judged as the essence of delight that remained as the surplus after intellectual toil. The question then, is not of their metre nor even of their workmanship. The question is, Are they worthy as the residue of charm?

Lura Beam.

NOTES

Dr. Kelly delivered a series of six lectures at the Summer School of Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas, on the general topic "The Minister and Christian Education" during the week of July 14.

During the week of July 14 President O. S. Davis, Chicago Theological Seminary, made a preliminary report of the theological seminary survey based upon the material found in the April issue of CHRISTIAN EDUCATION. About sixty theological seminary presidents attended this conference and expressed great interest in the preliminary report of the sur-

vey. A permanent Association of Theological Seminary Presidents was organized.

Thirty-five representatives of junior colleges from all sections of the United States except California met at St. Louis on June 30 and July 1 for the consideration of the complex and rapidly increasing problems of the junior college. A permanent organization was effected and plans made for annual meetings. Score another step in educational co-operation.

Arrangements have been made whereby the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching will assist in the tabulation and publication of phases of the survey material in the office of the Council.

Dr. Kelly will continue in charge of the headquarters office of the Council at 45 West 18th Street, New York. Dr. O. D. Foster will be in charge of the central office at 19 So. La Salle Street, Chicago.